

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People:*     *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

## Fraction Anthem

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Administration of Communion

### Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of***

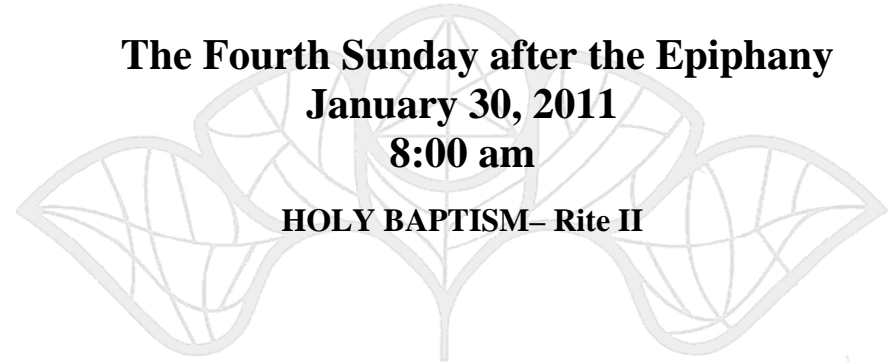
***his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## The Blessing

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People:*     *Thanks be to God! Alleluia!***



### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***People:*     *And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

***People:*     *There is one hope in God's call to us;***

*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

***People:*     *One God and Father of all.***

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:*     *And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## First Reading

## Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:*     *Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 15

1

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3

There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4

In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5  
He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

6  
He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7  
Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

## Matthew 5:1-12

*Leader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Bradford A. Rundlett, Rector

## The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*(Parents and godparents please stand; the congregation may be seated)*

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
*Parents and Sponsors: I present Kate Elle to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*  
*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Sponsors: I will, with God’s help.*  
*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Sponsors: I will, with God’s help.*  
*Celebrant:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer: I renounce them.*  
*Celebrant:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer: I renounce them.*  
*Celebrant:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer: I renounce them.*  
*Celebrant:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer: I do.*  
*Celebrant:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer: I do.*  
*Celebrant:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer: I do.*

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People: We will.*

*Celebrant:* Then, standing together, let us all renew our baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People: I will, with God’s help.*

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People: I will, with God’s help.*

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People: I will, with God’s help.*

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People: I will, with God’s help.*

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People: I will, with God’s help.*

## Prayers for the Candidates

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for *Kate Elle Rock* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader:* Deliver *Kate*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son, may live in the power of his resurrection, and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

*(Everyone may be seated)*

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Celebrant touches the water:*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that she who here is cleansed from sin and born again, may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

**The Baptism** *(Will the parents, godparents [and candidates] please come forward now; children in the congregation may also come forward)*

*Celebrant: Kate Elle*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

*Anointing him with Chrism in the sign of the cross the Priest says:*

*Celebrant: Kate Elle*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own forever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

## Welcome & Announcements

## The Holy Eucharist – The Great Thanksgiving

## The Offering

*Celebrant:* Let us with gladness present the offerings & oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## The Holy Communion

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*